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UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
AIR FORCE
BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREE

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From: Commanding Officer.
To : Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.
Subject: War Diary, December 1944.
Reference: (a) Pac Fleet conf. ltr. 2CL-44.
Enclosure: (A) Monthly Operation Summary, December 1944.

1 December

ORGANIZATION

(a) Administrative:

Commander-in-Chief, Pacific.
Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet.
Commander Fleet Air, West Coast.
Commander Fleet Airships, Pacific.
Blimp Squadron Thirty-Three - Tillamook, Oregon.
Lieutenant Commander Frederick N. Klein, Jr., USNR.

(b) Operational:

Commander, Western Sea Frontier. (Task Force 116)
Commander, Northwestern Group, Western Sea Frontier. (Task Group 116.3)
Commander Aircraft, Northwestern Group, Western Sea Frontier. (Task Unit 116.3.1)
Commander Fleet Airship Wing Three.
Blimp Squadron Thirty-Three - NAS Tillamook, Oregon.
6 ZNP: K-37, K-71, K-79, K-87, K-103, K-119.

Operations during December consisted mainly of escorts and patrol operations within the Northwestern Sector of the Western Sea Frontier. The average daily availability as of the close of the month is four airships, which are customarily utilized for escort missions, special missions, or patrols.

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The K-71, temporarily based at NAAS Shelton, conducted *radar calibration tests for USS INDIANA in the vicinity of Puget Sound Navy Yard.

While escorting APA 169, the K-79 was requested to test the ship's IFF responder with the airship's interrogator. Results were satisfactory.

The K-87 was ferried to NAS Moffett Field for major overhaul.

3 December

The K-71, temporarily based at NAAS Shelton, conducted *radar calibration tests for USS HART in the vicinity of Puget Sound Navy Yard.

10 December

This squadron was requested to locate two tugs and relay their position to Naval Station, Astoria. The tugs were located and their position was forwarded by the K-79.

14 December

The K-37 arrived from NAS Moffett Field to begin operations with this squadron.

15 December

The K-37 was requested by the USAT COVENTRY to direct her to Grays Harbor. The K-37 acted as a pilot vessel and brought the COVENTRY into Grays Harbor.

17 December

On a report of flares having been seen west of NAAS Quillayute, the K-37 was dispatched to conduct a search for a missing RCAF PBY. The search was conducted in conjunction with a PBM, approximately 100 miles west of Quillayute, results were negative.

23 December

The K-119 and the K-37 directed surface craft in the removal of flotsam resulting from the sinking of the tug MOBILE POINT after a collision with the SS BEATON PARK off Cascade Head.

*Radar calibration included search and gunnery installations - special target towed by airship.

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While on a routine patrol, the K-103 was ordered to locate the SS DOLLY MADISON for the purpose of relaying a message from that ship. The ship requested the K-103 to forward a message that, because of a sick seaman aboard and for the purpose of securing her deck cargo, she intended to make port at Astoria rather than her original destination.

A request was received from NAAS North Bend to test the Racon at Cape Arago. The K-71 was instructed to conduct the test and found the Racon to be not functioning. A report of this condition was made to NAAS North Bend.

30 December

Lieutenant Commander Frederick N. Klein, Jr., USNR, read his orders and relieved Lieutenant Commander William R. Peeler, USN, as commanding officer of Airship Squadron 33. Lieutenant Commander Klein's last previous tour of duty was as Officer-in-Charge, Fleet Airships Pacific Tactical Unit.

31 December

The K-87 arrived from NAS Moffett Field to resume operations with this squadron after major overhaul.

Training in this command was continued as outlined in the war diary submitted for the month of November 1944.

Due to weather, there was one non-operational day during the month.

F. N. Klein, Jr.
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MONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 1944
(MONTH)

DESIGNATION:

OPERATING UNDER: NORTH WESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER (TASK FORCE NO. 116)

OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: PLAN 1-44 (SERIAL 013) NW SEC NSP

ECHOLON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP KING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC

COMPOSITION: 6 ZNP K-TYPE AIRSHIPS

BASED AT:

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					IN AIR	ON MISSION	VEL. (KTS)	DIR.					
1	K71	LIEUT. HOSMER	(8) UTILITY	0821	7.0	7.0	5	160	55	385	4-6, 200-3000, 1-30	NONE	CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS
1	K79	LT(JG) LEVIN	(8) ESCORT PATROL (1)	0727	10.3	9.7	8	140	38	391	10, 1000, 30	13 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 BOMBIE SLICK	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH; ESCORTED APA 169
1	K87	LT(JG) ZERALE	(8) UTILITY	0734	7.1	7.1	15	180	48	341	10-20, 300-UNL, 5-10	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT TO NAVAL AIR STATION MOFFETT FIELD, CALIF.
1	K87	LT(JG) ZERALE	(9) UTILITY	1507	4.1	4.1	25	300	80	328	25, UNL, UNL	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT TO NAVAL AIR STATION MOFFETT FIELD, CALIF.
1	K103	LT(JG) AYERS	(9) ESCORT (1)	0527	17.1	16.6	15	300	42	718	5-25, 0-UNL, 1-30	2 MK 4 FLARES	ESCORTED U.S. ARMY TRANSPORT TRUCK C. JENKINS.
1	K79	LT(JG) PRINCE	(9) ESCORT PATROL	0722	10.4	9.8	10	210	45	468	10, 5000, UNL	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; MISSION NOT CONTACTED LATE DELAY IN DEPARTURE OF SHIP TO BE ESCORTED.
2	K103	LIEUT. KELLY	(9) PATROL	0724	10.4	9.4	10	180	45	468	5-15, 0-UNL, 1-30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
3	K71	LT(JG) FOLLIER	(11) UTILITY	1210	3.3	3.3	15	138	43	142	10-20, 0-2000, 0-10	NONE	CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS
3	K79	LT(JG) RICHARDSON	(8) ESCORT PATROL	0726	5.6	4.4	31	190	38	213	16-35, 1000, 5	1 MK 17 DEPTH BOMB	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; RECALLED TO BASE DUE WEATHER; BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
3	K103	LT(JG) GUSTAFSON	(8) ESCORT	0727	6.5	5.9	35	180	35	228	35, 1000-3000, 5-20	2 MK 17 DEPTH BOMBS	RECALLED TO BASE DUE WEATHER BEFORE MISSION CONTACTED. BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
3	K119	LT(JG) ZERALE	(8) UTILITY	0828	10.6	10.6	15	090	52	551	5-25, 300-UNL, 3-UNL	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAVAL AIR STATION MOFFETT FIELD, CALIF. TO NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON.
4	K79	LT(JG) BAILEY	(9) PATROL	0736	1.5	.7	40	180	10	15	40, 500, 0-5	4 MK 17 DEPTH BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH; RECALLED TO BASE DUE WEATHER; BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
4	K103	LT(JG) ALICK	(9) ESCORT PATROL	0728	2.1	1.4	34	180	45	95	30-37, 0-200, 0-1	2 MK 17 DEPTH BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; RECALLED TO BASE DUE WEATHER BEFORE CONTACT- ING MISSION; BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
4	K119	LT(JG) BARR	(8) PATROL	0740	1.9	1.1	40	180	30	57	40, 150, 200 YARDS	1 MK 5 FLARE 4 MK 17 DEPTH BOMBS	PATROLED KRAI 6; RECALLED TO BASE DUE WEATHER.
5	K79	LT(JG) AYERS	(8) PATROL	1152	2.6	2.0	28	180	29	75	25-30, 100 FT, 0-1	4 MK 17 DEPTH BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH; RECALLED TO BASE DUE WEATHER.
6	K71	LT(JG) HAYNES	(11) PATROL	0906	8.4	7.1	5	045	45	378	5-7, 0-3000, 30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
6	K79	LT(JG) SMITH	(9) ESCORT (4)	0552	15.9	15.2	10	045	47	767	2-20, 200-UNL, UNL	NONE	ESCORTED NORTHBOUND AK 131, AM 126 AM 121, AM 128
6	K103	LT(JG) ZIMMEL	(9) ESCORT (1)	0347	19.3	18.8	10	330	39	753	7-25, 1-2000, 2-30	NONE	ESCORTED SOUTHBOUND BOUND SS MATSONIA
7	K71	LT(JG) MACKAY	(8) ESCORT PATROL (1)	0731	10.1	9.4	6	000	50	505	2-10, 2000, UNL	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; ESCORTED SOUTHBOUND APA 228
7	K79	LT(JG) ANDERSON	(9) ESCORT PATROL (1)	0720	10.1	9.4	8	000	51	515	2-18, UNL, 30	1 MK 4 FLARE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH; ESCORTED SOUTHBOUND APA 171
7	K103	LIEUT. CAINE	(8) ESCORT (1)	0526	15.7	13.7	10	120	54	848	3-17, 1000-2000, 5-20	NONE	ESCORTED SOUTHBOUND AP 24
8	K71	LT(JG) BAILEY	(9) ESCORT PATROL (1)	0725	10.7	9.9	18	045	40	428	15-20, UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH; ESCORTED APA 227
8	K79	LIEUT. CARTON	(8) ESCORT (1)	0500	12.7	12.1	20	045	55	699	15-25, UNL, UNL	2 MK 4 FLARES	ESCORTED AP 24
8	K103	LT(JG) BARR	(9) ESCORT PATROL (1)	0721	10.5	9.5	25	045	43	452	10-31, UNL, 10-40	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; ESCORTED APA 229
9	K71	LT(JG) LEVIN	(11) PATROL	0747	9.6	9.1	8	150	45	432	5-15, UNL, UNL	45 RDS 50 CAL 12 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH.
9	K79	LT(JG) ZERALE	(11) ESCORT PATROL (1)	0719	10.4	9.7	20	130	48	499	10-25, 5000, 25	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; ESCORTED APA 174
9	K103	LT(JG) FOLLIER	(9) ESCORT (1)	0505	13.0	12.5	11	145	62	806	10-15, UNL, 30	NONE	ESCORTED APA 172
9	K119	ENS JACKSON	(9) TEST	1140	4.4	4.4	15	045	40	176	10-20, UNL, UNL	20 RDS 50 CAL	TESTED SHIP'S CONTROLS AND ENGINES
10	K71	LT(JG) MACKAY	(8) PATROL	0724	10.8	9.6	10	180	46	497	5-15, 1000-UNL, 20-30	60 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED KRAI 6

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DESIGNATION:

OPERATING UNDER: NORTH PACIFIC SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER, (TASK FORCE NO. 116)

OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: PLAN 1-44 (SERIAL 013) IN SEC, NSP

ECHOLON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC

COMPOSITION: 6 EMP E-TYPE AIRSHIPS

BASED AT: NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON
NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, SHELTON, WASHINGTON

D A T E	S H I P	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE- OFF	HOURS		AVE. WIND		S P D.	D I S T.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS
					IN AIR	ON MISSION	VEL. (KTS)	DIR.					
10	K79	LIEUT. CARTON	(8) PATROL	0727	10.1	9.3	10	100	50	505	7-12, UNL, 20-30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH; LOCATED AND TRANSMITTED POSITION OF TWO TUGS TO NAVAL AIR STATION, ASTORIA
10	K103	LT(JG) PRIEST	(8) PATROL	0723	10.4	9.8	15	180	47	489	10-20, 600-2000, 10-30	NONE	PATROLED XRAY 5
10	K119	LIEUT. KELLY	(9) PATROL	0729	10.4	9.6	11	145	42	437	4-24, UNL, 15-30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
11	K71	LIEUT. GUSTAFSON	(9) PATROL	0937	8.4	7.5	23	120	23	361	20-27, UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
11	K79	LT(JG) NICHANSON	(8) PATROL	1000	8.2	6.9	16	120	40	328	13-23, UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
11	K103	LT(JG) ANDERSON	(8) PATROL	1005	7.7	6.1	20	100	49	377	15-25, UNL, UNL	57 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED XRAY 6
11	K119	LT(JG) ZOLLER	(8) PATROL	0958	8.5	7.3	15	090	50	425	15, UNL, UNL	50 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED XRAY 7
12	K37	LT(JG) SUMR	(6) UTILITY	1030	6.4	6.4	6	150	60	386	6, UNL, 30	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAVAL AIR STATION MOFFETT FIELD, CALIF., TO NAVAL AIR STATION TILLAMOOK, OREGON
12	K71	LT. COMDR. FREER	(11) ESCORT PATROL (1)	0730	9.4	8.8	20	090	58	545	20, UNL, UNL	1 MK 17 DEPTH BOMB	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; ESCORTED APA 173; BOMB DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
12	K79	LT(JG) KILICK	(10) ESCORT PATROL (1)	0728	8.8	8.2	20	100	42	370	10-37, UNL, 20-30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; ESCORTED APA 231
12	K119	LIEUT. CARTON	(10) PATROL	0732	8.9	8.3	20	100	45	401	16-24, UNL, UNL	2 MK 17 DEPTH BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH; BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST.
13	K37	LT(JG) SUMR	(6) UTILITY	0745	5.6	5.6	6	150	56	312	6, UNL, 30	NONE	FERRY FLIGHT FROM NAVAL AIR STATION MOFFETT FIELD, CALIF., TO NAVAL AIR STATION TILLAMOOK, OREGON.
13	K37	LT. COMDR. MC CANN	(12) TEST	1333	1.2	1.2	20	090	40	48	20, UNL, UNL	NONE	TESTED SHIP'S CONTROLS AND ENGINES
13	K71	LT(JG) LANTA	(10) PATROL	0720	10.6	10.0	10	090	45	477	8-12, UNL, UNL	90 RDS 50 CAL 13 MK 23 PHAC BOMBS 4 MK 5 FLARES	PATROLED XRAY 6
13	K79	LIEUT. MOJAPPEL	(9) ESCORT PATROL (1)	0728	10.6	9.6	12	045	48	509	12, UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; ESCORTED APA 176
13	K119	LT(JG) AYERS	(9) PATROL	0722	10.4	9.7	10	120	42	437	10, UNL, UNL	2 MK 5 FLARES	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
14	K71	LT(JG) PRIEST	(8) ESCORT PATROL (2)	0728	10.1	9.5	20	090	40	406	5-4.5, UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; ESCORTED NORTH-BOUND APA 175, APA 232
14	K79	LT(JG) NICHOLAS	(8) ESCORT PATROL (1)	0721	10.4	9.9	15	090	50	520	7-25, UNL, UNL	50 RDS 50 CAL 2 MK 5 FLARES	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH; ESCORTED SOUTH-BOUND APA 174
14	K119	LIEUT. KELLY	(8) PATROL	0731	10.4	9.5	10	045	50	520	4-16, UNL, 10-30	NONE	PATROLED XRAY 5
15	K37	LT(JG) LEE	(6) PATROL	0741	10.4	9.5	9	090	50	520	8-10, UNL, 10	2 MK 5 FLARES	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; AT THE REQUEST OF AT GOVINTAT, SHIP WAS DIRECTED INTO GRATE HARBOR.
15	K79	LIEUT. CAIR	(8) PATROL	0734	10.3	9.5	13	120	48	494	8-20, 3000, 20	60 RDS 50 CAL	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
15	K119	LT(JG) WHALEN	(9) PATROL	0712	10.5	9.8	15	120	48	504	15, 2000, UNL	NONE	PATROLED XRAY 6
16	K37	LT(JG) BABE	(9) ESCORT PATROL (1)	0741	10.6	8.9	8	100	45	477	5-10, 3000, 5-25	27 RDS 50 CAL 10 MK 23 PHAC BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; ESCORTED NORTH-BOUND APA 233
16	K71	LT(JG) BAILEY	(9) PATROL	0731	10.6	9.2	10	145	45	477	8-12, UNL, 10	3 MK 3 FLARES 50 RDS 50 CAL 7 MK 23 PHAC BOMBS	PATROLED XRAY 5
16	K79	LT(JG) GAINE	(8) PATROL	0727	10.3	9.2	10	145	40	412	2-23, 5-6000, 15-30	NONE	PATROLED XRAY 6
16	K103	LT. COMDR. ODELL	(10) TEST	1339	4.2	4.2	6	145	40	164	6, UNL, 15	2 MK 17 DEPTH BOMBS 2 BOUNDR SLICKS 20 RDS 50 CAL	TESTED SHIP'S CONTROLS AND ENGINES; AMMUNITION EXPENDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES.
16	K119	LIEUT. CARTON	(8) PATROL	0726	10.6	8.8	8	110	45	477	5-12, 5-6000, 10-20	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
17	K37	LIEUT. MOJAPPEL	(8) SEARCH PATROL	0721	10.6	9.4	10	090	52	551	5-15, UNL, 30	4 MK 4 FLARES	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; SEARCHED FOR CRASHED NCAP PM
17	K71	LT(JG) ZOLLER	(8) PATROL	0723	10.8	10.1	10	080	48	438	7-15, UNL, 30	60 RDS 50 CAL 5 MK 23 PHAC BOMBS	PATROLED XRAY 5
17	K103	LT(JG) ZEMARS	(8) UTILITY	0924	6.7	6.7	15	080	48	322	10-20, UNL, 10	NONE	SCHEDULED RADAR CALIBRATION TEST CANCELLED DUE WEATHER
17	K119	LT(JG) ANDERSON	(8) PATROL	0728	10.3	9.3	10	090	41	422	7-15, UNL, 15-30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
18	K37	LT(JG) SUMR	(8) ESCORT PATROL (1)	0739	10.0	9.4	10	120	48	486	5-15, 600, 1	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH; ESCORTED USS KINGSMARK

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					IN AIR	ON MISSION							
18	K71	LT(JG) ZIMEL (9)	ESCORT (1)	0722	13.7	13.1	15	120E	45	617	5-15, 3000-6000, 5-20	NONE	ESCORTED CVE 105
18	K103	LT(JG) GAERE (8)	ESCORT (1)	0724	10.3	9.7	9	120E	52	536	8-10, 1400, 6-10	NONE	ESCORTED APA 176
18	K119	LT(JG) BAILLY (8)	ESCORT PATROL (1)	0742	9.8	9.0	13	120E	45	441	10-15, 2000, 30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH; ESCORTED APA 155
19	K37	LT(JG) MACKAY (9)	ESCORT (1)	0559	11.6	11.1	14	120E	52	603	10-18, 300-200 YDS, 10-20	NONE	ESCORTED APA 162
19	K71	LT(JG) ANDERSON (8)	ESCORT (1)	0554	12.3	11.7	13	130E	53	652	11-16, 5000, 15	NONE	ESCORTED SS NORMAN
19	K79	LT(JG) BIRDMIRE (10)	TEST	1348	2.5	2.5	7	130E	40	100	5-10, 2000, 5	NONE	TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES
19	K103	LT(JG) RICHARDSON (9)	ESCORT (1)	0538	11.7	11.2	8	090E	45	526	0-17, 3000, 5	NONE	ESCORTED SS NORMAN
19	K119	LT(JG) LEVIN (8)	ESCORT (1)	0556	10.8	10.3	15	120E	44	475	10-20, 0-400 YDS, 2	2 PYROTECHNICS	ESCORTED AP 174
20	K37	LT(JG) KLINK (9)	ESCORT PATROL (2)	0729	10.5	9.3	25	120E	40	420	10-32, 0-3000, 0-20	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; ESCORTED APA'S 178 AND 234
20	K79	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	PATROL	0723	10.8	9.7	14	170E	50	540	7-17, 6000-UNL, 5-25	1 MK 5 FLARE	PATROLED ARAY 6
20	K103	LT(JG) BAILLY (8)	PATROL	0555	11.8	11.0	20	140E	40	472	15-28, 0, 0	NONE	PATROLED ARAY 5
20	K119	LIEUT. CARTON (8)	ESCORT PATROL (1)	0738	10.2	9.1	12	180E	43	439	8-20, 200-2000, 1-12	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; ESCORTED NORTHBOUND APA 129
21	K37	LIEUT. WOERFEL (9)	ESCORT PATROL (1)	0720	10.6	9.8	15	090E	45	477	15, UNL, 10	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; ESCORTED APA 232
21	K79	LT(JG) RICHARDSON (8)	PATROL	0719	10.5	9.5	25	120E	50	525	19-28, 100-2000, 1-30	10 RDS 50 CAL 1 PYROTECHNIC	PATROLED ARAY 6
21	K103	LT(JG) LEE (8)	PATROL	0727	11.1	9.5	20	120E	37	411	14-27, 5000, 30	3 MK 4 FLARES	PATROLED ARAY 5
21	K119	LT(JG) AYERS (9)	PATROL	0722	10.8	9.6	15	112E	45	486	7-20, 500-10,000 UNL	60 RDS 50 CAL 6 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
22	K37	LT(JG) GAERE (9)	PATROL	0735	6.3	5.3	25	090E	47	596	10-35, 1-1000, 20	2 MK 17 DEPTH BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; BOMBS EXPLODED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES
22	K79	LT(JG) SUHR (9)	PATROL	0811	7.0	5.4	25	090E	41	287	12-40, 150-1500, 5	2 MK 17 DEPTH BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH; BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST
22	K103	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	PATROL	0724	8.7	7.4	27	065E	40	348	20-35, 0-6500, 10	NONE	PATROLED ARAY 5
22	K119	LT(JG) ZIMEL (9)	PATROL	0737	8.0	6.5	18	110E	41	328	5-30, 0-700, 2	NONE	PATROLED ARAY 6
23	K37	LT(JG) RICHARDSON (8)	SEARCH PATROL	0805	7.2	6.6	15	120E	45	414	10-20, 2000-3000, 10-30	17 RDS 50 CAL 3 MK 4 FLARES	PATROLED ARAY 5; CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR DISABLED TUG
23	K79	LT(JG) ANDERSON (8)	ESCORT (1)	0738	14.9	14.2	13	065E	40	596	11-16, UNL, 18	NONE	ESCORTED SOUTHBOUND USS KINGSBURY
23	K103	LT(JG) MACAEE (8)	ESCORT PATROL (1)	0803	9.8	8.9	14	090E	47	461	9-23, UNL, UNL	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; ESCORTED USS LAUDERDALE
23	K119	LT(JG) KLINK (11)	SEARCH	0216	8.5	8.5	15	090E	40	340	10-20, 3000, 30	1 MK 5 FLARE	CONDUCTED SEARCH FOR DISABLED TUG
24	K37	LT(JG) HAYNES (8)	PATROL	0725	10.1	9.2	17	065E	53	535	8-17, 3000, 20-40	NONE	PATROLED ARAY 6
24	K71	ENS JACKSON (7)	TEST	0752	5.3	5.3	5	120E	50	260	5, UNL, UNL	NONE	TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES
24	K79	LT(JG) GAERE (8)	PATROL	0728	10.3	9.0	10	020E	46	473	3-14, 2000-3000, 10-30	NONE	PATROLED ARAY 5
24	K103	LT(JG) KLINK (8)	PATROL	0730	10.4	9.1	10	120E	39	406	4-16, 1000-3000, 10-30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH
24	K119	LT(JG) ZIMEL (9)	PATROL	0731	9.9	9.0	12	000E	40	396	5-18, 1000-UNL, 25-40	12 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 2 MK 5 FLARES	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
25	K71	LT(JG) AYERS (8)	PATROL	0727	10.1	8.9	10	065E	45	454	10-20, 2000-3000, UNL	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH
25	K79	LT(JG) MACKAY (8)	ESCORT PATROL (1)	0731	10.2	9.4	10	090E	30	306	7-15, 2000-3000, 10-30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; ESCORTED APA 178
25	K103	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	PATROL	0726	9.9	8.4	10	090E	50	475	5-15, 300-UNL, 5-30	60 RDS 50 CAL 3 MK 4 FLARES 1 MK 5 FLARE	PATROLED ARAY 5
25	K119	LT(JG) LEE (8)	PATROL	0724	9.7	9.0	9	275E	50	485	7-10, 500-UNL, 5-30	NONE	PATROLED ARAY 6
26	K71	LT(JG) PRIEST (8)	ESCORT PATROL (1)	0725	10.0	9.5	27	135E	45	450	25-30, 3000-5000, 25	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; ESCORTED USS COTLE
26	K79	LT(JG) SUHR (8)	ESCORT PATROL (1)	0721	9.2	8.7	30	150E	45	414	15-40, 1000-2000, 25	2 MK 4 FLARES	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; ESCORTED USS BOLINGBROOK

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BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREEMONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 1944
(MONTH)

RECEIVED 1966
(MONTH)

DESIGNATION:

OPERATING UNDER: NORTH WESTERN SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER (TASK FORCE NO. 116)

OPERATIONS PLANS FOLLOWED: PLAN 1-44 (SERIAL 013) NW SEC, WSP

ECHELON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND: FLEET AIRSHIP WING THREE, FLEET AIRSHIPS PACIFIC

COMPOSITION: 6 INF L-TYPE AIRSHIPS

BASED AT: NAVAL AIR STATION, TILLAMOOK, OREGON
NAVAL AUXILIARY AIR STATION, SHELTON, WASHINGTON

1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14	
DATE	SHIP	COMMAND PILOT	MISSION	TIME OF TAKE-OFF	HOURS		AVE. WIND		S.P.D.	D.I.S.T.	WEATHER LIMITS (WIND, CEILING, VISIBILITY).	AMMUNITION EXPENDED	REMARKS														
					IN AIR	ON MISSION	VEL. (KTS)	DIR.																			
26	K103	LIEUT. KELLY (9)	PATROL	0733	8.7	8.2	35	165t	42	365	35, 2000, 35	NONE	PATROLED XRAY 6														
26	K119	LT(JG) ZIMEL (8)	PATROL	0729	9.2	8.7	23	135t	45	414	4-42, 2000, 20-40	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH														
28	K71	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (8)	ESCORT PATROL (1)	0517	13.5	13.0	25	180t	43	490	4-35, 1-1200, 2-8	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH; ESCORTED NORTHBOUND USS MATSOMIA														
29	K71	LT(JG) LEE (8)	PATROL	0721	10.6	9.5	15	320t	45	477	15, 100-UNL, 10-30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH														
29	K79	LIEUT. NOERFEL (9)	ESCORT	0533	12.1	11.8	15	320t	50	605	5-20, UNL, 600-UNL	NONE	MISSION NOT CONTACTED DUE TO EARLY DEPARTURE OF SHIP TO BE ESCORTED														
29	K133	LT(JG) LEVIN (9)	PATROL	0723	11.1	10.6	20	310t	39	432	15-25, UNL, UNL	2 BROWNE SLICKS 2 MK 4 FLARES 10 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 DYE MARKER	PATROLED XRAY 5														
29	K119	LT(JG) ZOELLER (8)	ESCORT (1)	0718	10.9	9.8	18	310t	40	432	10-25, 500-UNL, 20-30	NONE	ESCORTED SOUTHBOUND APA 179														
30	K37	LT(JG) SHIMMARE (11)	TEST	1351	.5	.5	10	220t	30	15	10, 2600, 15	NONE	TESTED SHIPS CONTROLS AND ENGINES														
30	K71	LT(JG) PRIEST (9)	ESCORT (1)	0501	17.6	17.0	20	230t	44	774	15-25, 3000, 30	NONE	ESCORTED APA 179														
30	K79	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (8)	PATROL	0732	10.4	9.1	19	230t	40	416	16-23, 1000-2000, UNL	50 RDS 50 CAL 2 PYROTECHNICS	PATROLED XRAY 5														
30	K103	LT(JG) SUNE (8)	PATROL	0726	10.2	9.6	12	230t	45	459	5-30, 700-3000, 5-45	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH														
30	K119	LT(JG) BAILEY (9)	PATROL	0736	9.9	9.4	12	170t	44	436	8-15, 2000-6000, 15	60 RDS 50 CAL 6 MK 23 PRAC BOMBS 1 MK 4 FLARE 1 DYE MARKER	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH														
31	K71	LT(JG) ANDERSON (8)	PATROL	0740	5.0	3.5	33	170t	35	175	32-34, 1-2000, 30	2 MK 17 DEPTH BOMBS	PATROLED XRAY 6; BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST														
31	K79	LT(JG) ZOELLER (8)	ESCORT PATROL	0742	6.7	6.0	35	170t	35	241	30-40, 600-1000, 2-30	NONE	PATROLED BAKER AND NORTH; RECALLED TO BASE PRIOR TO CONTACTING MISSION DUE WEATHER														
31	K87	LT(JG) ZIMEL (1)	FIRST	0647	7.7	7.7	40	180t	81	624	35-45, 500-UNL, 10	NONE	FLEET POINT FROM NAVAL AIR STATION JEFFREY FIELD TO NAVAL AIR STATION TILLAMOOK, OREGON														
31	K103	LT(JG) RICHARDSON (8)	PATROL	0735	4.9	3.4	34	18.4	50	245	30-35, 1000-2000, 30	2 MK 17 DEPTH BOMBS	PATROLED XRAY 5; BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST														
31	K119	LT(JG) NICHOLAS (9)	PATROL	0747	5.1	3.5	35	165t	36	194	35, 2000, 5	5 MK 17 DEPTH BOMBS	PATROLED BAKER AND SOUTH; BOMBS DROPPED FOR BALLAST														

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BLIMP SQUADRON THIRTY THREEMONTHLY OPERATION SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 1964
(MONTH)

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS OF ATTACKS, RESCUES, ACCIDENTS, AND OTHER EVENTS OF PARTICULAR HISTORICAL VALUE.

1 DECEMBER: THE K-71, TEMPORARILY BASED AT NAAS SHELTON, CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR THE INDIANA IN THE VICINITY OF PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.
WHILE ESCORTING APA 169, THE K-79 WAS REQUESTED TO TEST THE SHIPS IFF RESPONDER WITH THE AIRSHIP INTERROGATOR. RESULTS WERE SATISFACTORY.
THE K-87 WAS FERRYED TO NAS MOFFETT FIELD FOR MAJOR OVERHAUL.

3 DECEMBER: THE K-71, TEMPORARILY BASED AT NAAS SHELTON, CONDUCTED RADAR CALIBRATION TESTS FOR DE HART IN THE VICINITY OF PUGET SOUND NAVY YARD.

10 DECEMBER: THIS SQUADRON WAS REQUESTED TO LOCATE TWO TUGS AND RELAY THEIR POSITION TO NAVAL AIR STATION, ASTORIA. THE TUGS WERE LOCATED AND THEIR POSITION WAS FORWARDED BY THE K-79.

14 DECEMBER: THE K-37 ARRIVED FROM NAS MOFFETT FIELD TO BEGIN OPERATIONS WITH THIS SQUADRON.

15 DECEMBER: THE K-37 WAS REQUESTED BY THE US AT COVENTRY TO DIRECT HER TO GRAYS HARBOR. THE K-37 ACTED AS A PILOT VESSEL AND BROUGHT THE COVENTRY INTO GRAYS HARBOR.

17 DECEMBER: ON A REPORT OF FLARES HAVING BEEN SEEN WEST OF NAAS QUILLAYUTE, THE K-37 WAS DISPATCHED TO CONDUCT A SEARCH FOR A MISSING BOAT PRY. THE SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A FBM APPROXIMATELY 100 MILES WEST OF QUILLAYUTE, RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE.

23 DECEMBER: THE K-119 AND THE K-37 DIRECTED SURFACE CRAFT IN THE REMOVAL OF FLOTSAM RESULTING FROM THE SINKING OF THE TUG MOBILE POINT AFTER A COLLISION WITH THE AN BEATON PARK OFF CASCADE HEAD.

29 DECEMBER: WHILE ON ROUTINE PATROL THE K-103 WAS ORDERED TO LOCATE THE AK DOLLY MADISON FOR THE PURPOSE OF RELAYING A MESSAGE FROM THAT SHIP. THE AK REQUESTED THE K-103 TO FORWARD A MESSAGE THAT BECAUSE OF A SICK SEAMAN ABOARD AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING HER DECK CARGO SHE INTENDED TO MAKE PORT AT ASTORIA RATHER THAN HER ORIGINAL DESTINATION.

31 DECEMBER: THE K-87 ARRIVED FROM NAS MOFFETT FIELD TO RESUME OPERATIONS WITH THIS SQUADRON AFTER MAJOR OVERHAUL.

DUE TO WEATHER, THERE WAS ONE NON-OPERATIONAL DAY DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

AIRSHIP OPERATIONS						AIRSHIP OPERATIONS							PILOT FLIGHT DATA						
MISSION	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS		FLIGHT HOURS		TOTAL GROUND MILES	AIRSHIP	NUMBER OF FLIGHTS		AVAILABLE	FLIGHT HOURS		TOTAL GROUND MILES	PILOT CLASS	NUMBER PILOTS AS'GN'D	AVE. FLIGHT HOURS	TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS	HIGH-EST HOURS	LOW-EST HOURS	
	DAY	NITE	IN AIR	ON MISSION	FLOWN		DAY	NITE		IN AIR	ON MISSION	FLOWN							
ESCORT	16		206.8	195.7	982	K- 37	14		24	113.6	104.2	5532	SENIOR	59	35	520.6	35.5	67.4	1.2
ESCORT-PATROL	25		249.4	229.8	1078	K- 71	22		25	217.9	202.0	9818	JUNIOR	29	13	1791.0	61.8	87.3	10.1
PATROL	54		494.0	439.6	2195	K- 79	27		29	252.8	230.9	11263	TOTAL		57	3019.5	52.9		
PATROL-UTILITY						K- 87	3		2	18.9	18.9	1592	NO OF COMBAT CREWS AS'GN'D. LAST DAY OF MONTH - 12						
SEARCH	1		8.5	8.5	340	K- 103	24		27	242.2	221.4	10880	NO OF SHIPS ASSIGNED LAST DAY OF MONTH - 6						
SEARCH-PATROL	2		19.8	18.0	965	K- 119	23		27	209.7	190.8	9273	ORDNANCE EXPENDITURES						
TRAINING						K-							DEPTH BOMBS						26
TRAINING-PATROL						K-							MINIATURE BOMBS						94
UTILITY	8		50.8	50.8	2765	K-							.50 CALIBER MACHINE-GUN						84.6
TEST	6		18.1	18.1	767	K-							BRONZE SLICKS						5
MISC.	1		7.7	7.7	624	K-							FLOAT LIGHTS						42
TOTAL	113	113	1055.1	968.2	4809	TOTAL	113		134	1055.1	968.2	4809	PYROTECHNICS						5

NOTE: AIRSHIP OPERATIONS, AVAILABLE COLUMN-NUMBER OF DAYS EACH SHIP WAS AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS.

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